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## **Yolo County's Wins "Best Community Impact" Award for Bauer Building**

**(Woodland, CA)** – Yolo County was recently recognized as the recipient of the Sacramento Business Journal's 2006 Real Estate Projects of the Year "Best Community Impact" award for its new Herbert Bauer, M.D. Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health building. Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada was present at the Sacramento Business Journal's annual event on February 9 to receive this prestigious recognition on behalf of Yolo County and its partners.

"We are exceedingly proud of our new Herbert Bauer, M.D. Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health facility which allows us to better serve all Yolo County residents and provide improved working conditions for Yolo County employees," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada. "We are especially proud of the green-building design standards employed throughout the building and are greatly honored to see this building recognized as a model for public-private collaboration in our region."

The Bauer building, which consolidates into one central location eight county health and alcohol, drug and mental health programs, "captured the spirit of community impact," according to the Sacramento Business Journal. The building promotes sustainable design in a variety of ways, including roof solar panels which provide for 40% of the building's energy needs and which reduce costs annually by \$27,000. Bike commuters now enjoy bicycle racks, lockers and showers; preferred parking is available for alternative vehicles; and landscaping is maintained with reduced potable water irrigation systems as well as reduced use of chemicals. The building was constructed with materials containing at least 10% recycled content and a minimum of 75% of construction waste was recycled or salvaged.

Sacramento Business Journal judges were not only impressed with Yolo County's commitment to green-building standards; they were also impressed with the unique public-private partnership. Yolo County has a long-term lease with landowner and developer, David S. Taylor Interests Inc., which owns any improvements on the land but is leasing the Bauer building to the county. The county has the option to buy the building after two years, or can wait until the end of the 20-year lease and buy the building with no further payments.

The Bauer building further acts as a showcase for local artists whose works capture and compliment the environmental qualities of the building. Public art projects throughout the Herbert Bauer, M.D. Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health building are facilitated by the Yolo County Arts Council and include both historical and organic interpretations of Yolo County as well as feature collaborative efforts among these artists and the community.

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Picture: Herbert Bauer, M.D. Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health building